



Changes to Illinois Metropolitan Statistical Area Delineations Following the 2010 Census

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Background

Metropolitan Statistical Areas were first established by the federal government in 1949 and provide nationally consistent geographic delineations for reporting statistics, including economic data. The basic concept of a metropolitan statistical area is that of a core urban area, such as a city, with high population density, together with adjacent communities that have a high degree of economic and social integration with that core.

Effective with federal standards announced in 2000, the term “Core Based Statistical Area” (CBSA) was introduced and encompasses both Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. A Metropolitan Area contains a core urban area of 50,000 or more population, and a Micropolitan Area contains an urban core of at least 10,000 (but less than 50,000) population. Each decade, new Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area delineations are announced by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget

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which reflect the latest decennial census population totals and worker commuting data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current Metropolitan and Micropolitan areas were announced by U.S. OMB in **February 2013** and based on the application of updated **federal standards** announced in June 2010 and data from the 2010 Census and 2006-2010 American Community Survey.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Metropolitan Statistical Areas are defined as having a central county or counties with an urbanized area of at least 50,000 people, plus adjacent outlying counties having a high degree of economic integration with the central county, as measured through worker commuting ties. Multiple counties are included in a MSA if at least 25 percent of employed residents in the central county commute to work in one or more adjacent counties. The largest city in the MSA is listed first in the title and additional cities may be included in the name if they meet certain population and employment criteria.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas with a population of 2.5 million or more are further subdivided into Metropolitan Divisions. For example, the tri-state Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI MSA is sub-divided into four separate Metropolitan Divisions: Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL, Elgin, IL, Lake County-Kenosha, IL-WI and Gary, IN.

Nationwide, there are a total of 381 Metropolitan Areas. Illinois has 13 MSAs including the Illinois parts of

the St. Louis MSA and Cape Girardeau MSA. **Table 1**, on page 5, shows the names and geographic delineations for Illinois Metropolitan Areas that were announced in February 2013. A map of the 2010-based Metropolitan Areas can be found on page 4.

Micropolitan Statistical Areas

Micropolitan Statistical Areas are defined as having a central county or counties and an urban cluster of 10,000-49,999 people, plus adjacent counties having a high degree of economic and social integration as measured through worker commuting patterns. Multiple counties are included in a Micropolitan Area if at least 25 percent of employed residents in the central county commute to work in one or more adjacent counties. The naming convention for Micropolitan Areas is the same as for Metropolitan Areas, with the largest community presented first. As of February 2013, there are a total of 536 Micropolitan Statistical Areas in the U.S. In Illinois, there are 20 Micropolitan Statistical Areas, including four shared with border states. **Table 2**, on page 6, shows the names and geographic delineations for Illinois Micropolitan Statistical Areas that were announced in February 2013. A map of the 2010-based Micropolitan areas can be found on page 4.

Differences between 2010 and 2000 based Illinois Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Delineations

Tables 1 and 2 compare 2010 and 2000 based Illinois Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area delineations



Labor Force and Nonfarm Employment Data for Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas

The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program will publish monthly labor force estimates for 2010-based Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas, beginning in March 2015, with the release of January 2015 data. Historical monthly and annual Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area labor force estimates will be developed under the 2010-based geographic delineations back to 1990.

The Current Employment Statistics (CES) will begin publishing monthly nonfarm industry employment estimates for 2010-based Metropolitan Areas in March 2015, with the release of January 2015 data. Historical monthly and annual Metropolitan Area nonfarm industry employment estimates will be developed under the 2010-based geographic delineations back to 1990.

Additional information on Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area standards and definitions can be found at: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/lausmsa.htm> and <http://www.census.gov/population/metro>.

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including new areas, areas dropped effective with 2010 delineations, counties added or removed from existing areas and name changes.

The changes to Metropolitan Areas, effective with the 2010-based delineations were:

- DeWitt County was added to Bloomington MSA;
- Bloomington-Normal MSA was renamed to Bloomington MSA
- Carbondale-Marion MSA was introduced;
- the Chicago-Joliet-Naperville IL-IN-WI MSA was renamed to the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin IL-IN-WI MSA and two new Metropolitan Divisions were introduced including Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL and Elgin, IL;
- Kankakee-Bradley MSA was renamed to the Kankakee MSA;

- Cape Girardeau, MO-IL Micropolitan Area became an MSA in 2008.

The changes to Micropolitan Areas, effective with 2010-based delineations were:

- Carbondale, Harrisburg and Marion-Herrin Micropolitan Areas were discontinued;
- Warren County was removed from the Galesburg Micropolitan Area;
- Hamilton County was removed from Mount Vernon Micropolitan Area;
- Ottawa-Streator Micropolitan Area was renamed to the Ottawa-Peru Micropolitan Area;
- Cape Girardeau, MO-IL Micropolitan Area was discontinued in 2008 and became an MSA.

Map of 2010-based Illinois Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Delineations

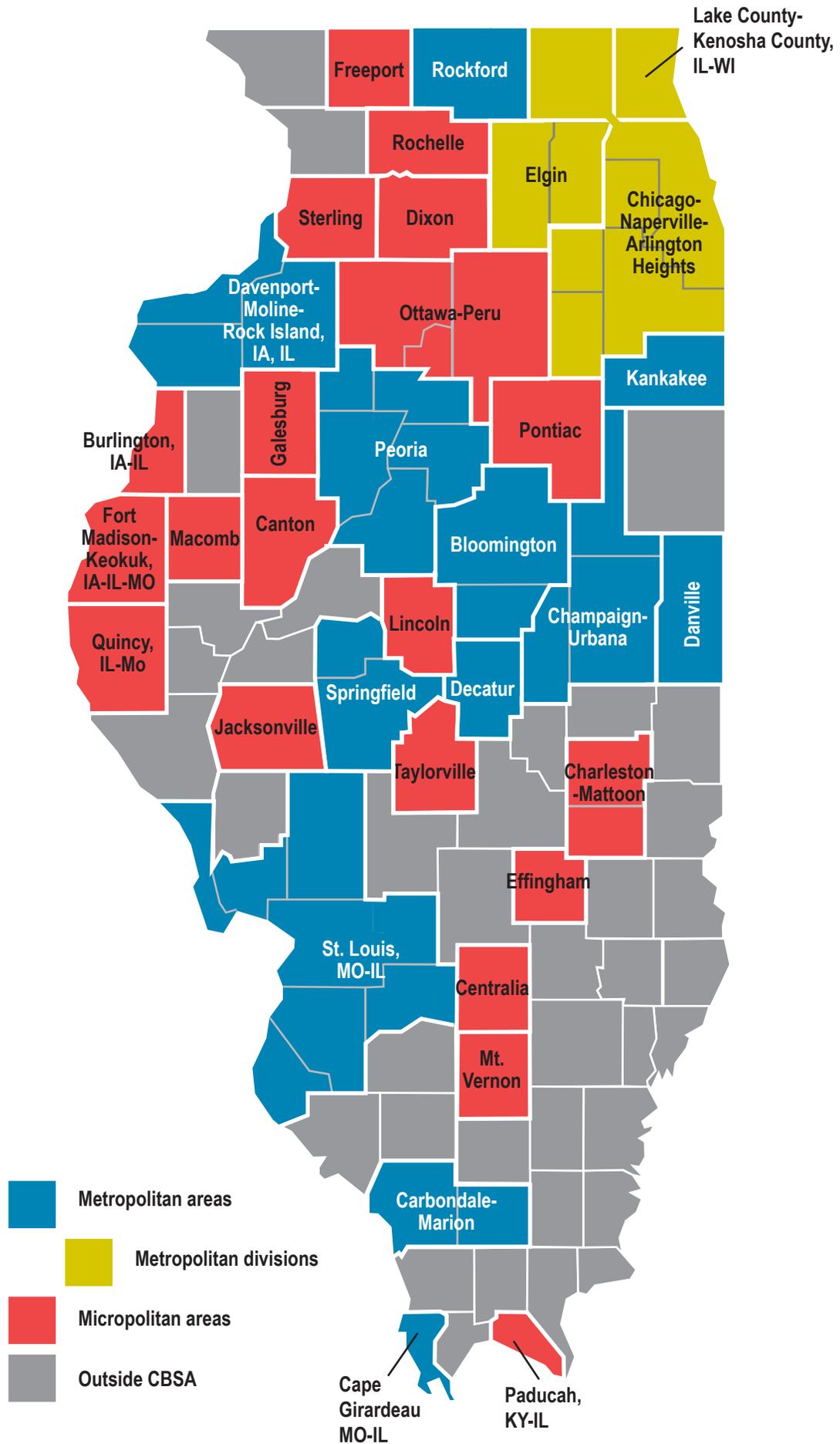


Table 1: A Comparison of 2010-based and 2000-based Illinois Metropolitan Area Delineations

<u>2010-based Metropolitan Statistical Areas</u>		<u>2000-based Metropolitan Statistical Areas</u>	
Name	Counties	Name	Counties
Bloomington, IL MSA	DeWitt - NEW McLean	Bloomington-Normal, IL MSA	McLean
Cape Girardeau, MO-IL MSA (Illinois part)	Alexander		
Carbondale-Marion, IL MSA - NEW	Jackson Williamson		
Champaign-Urbana, IL MSA	Champaign Ford Piatt	Champaign-Urbana, IL MSA	Champaign Ford Piatt
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI MSA		Chicago-Joliet-Naperville IL-IN-WI MSA	
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metropolitan Division	Cook DuPage Grundy Kendall McHenry Will	Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL Metropolitan Division	Cook DeKalb DuPage Grundy Kane Kendall McHenry Will
Elgin, IL Metropolitan Division - NEW	DeKalb Kane		
Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metropolitan Division	Lake, IL Kenosha, WI	Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metropolitan Division	Lake, IL Kenosha, WI
Gary, IN Metropolitan Division	Jasper, IN Lake, IN Newton, IN Porter, IN	Gary, IN Metropolitan Division	Jasper, IN Lake, IN Newton, IN Porter, IN
Danville, IL MSA	Vermilion	Danville, IL MSA	Vermilion
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	Henry, IL Mercer, IL Rock Island, IL Scott, IA	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL MSA	Henry, IL Mercer, IL Rock Island, IL Scott, IA
Decatur, IL MSA	Macon	Decatur, IL MSA	Macon
Kankakee, IL MSA	Kankakee	Kankakee-Bradley, IL MSA	Kankakee
Peoria, IL MSA	Marshall Peoria Stark Tazewell Woodford	Peoria, IL MSA	Marshall Peoria Stark Tazewell Woodford
Rockford, IL MSA	Boone Winnebago	Rockford, IL MSA	Boone Winnebago
Springfield, IL MSA	Menard Sangamon	Springfield, IL MSA	Menard Sangamon
St. Louis, MO-IL MSA (Illinois part)	Bond Calhoun Clinton Jersey Macoupin Madison Monroe St. Clair	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA (Illinois part)	Bond Calhoun Clinton Jersey Macoupin Madison Monroe St. Clair

Table 2: A Comparison of 2010-based and 2000-based Illinois Micropolitan Area Delineations

2010-based Micropolitan Statistical Areas

2000-based Micropolitan Statistical Areas

Name	Counties	Name	Counties
Burlington IA-IL Micropolitan Area (Illinois part)	Henderson	Burlington IA-IL Micropolitan Area (Illinois part)	Henderson
Canton, IL Micropolitan Area	Fulton	Canton, IL Micropolitan Area	Fulton
		Cape Girardeau-Jackson, MO-IL Micropolitan Area (Illinois part)	Alexander
		Carbondale, IL Micropolitan Area	Jackson
Centralia, IL Micropolitan Area	Marion	Centralia, IL Micropolitan Area	Marion
Charleston-Mattoon Micropolitan Area	Coles Cumberland	Charleston-Mattoon Micropolitan Area	Coles Cumberland
Dixon, IL Micropolitan Area	Lee	Dixon, IL Micropolitan Area	Lee
Effingham, IL Micropolitan Area	Effingham	Effingham, IL Micropolitan Area	Effingham
Fort Madison-Keokuk IA-IL-MO Micropolitan Area (Illinois part) - NEW	Hancock		
Freeport, IL Micropolitan Area	Stephenson	Freeport, IL Micropolitan Area	Stephenson
Galesburg, IL Micropolitan Area	Knox	Galesburg, IL Micropolitan Area	Knox Warren
		Harrisburg, IL Micropolitan Area	Saline
Jacksonville, IL Micropolitan Area	Morgan Scott	Jacksonville, IL Micropolitan Area	Morgan Scott
Lincoln, IL Micropolitan Area	Logan	Lincoln, IL Micropolitan Area	Logan
Macomb, IL Micropolitan Area	McDonough	Macomb, IL Micropolitan Area	McDonough
		Marion-Herrin, IL Micropolitan Area	Williamson
Mount Vernon, IL Micropolitan Area	Jefferson	Mount Vernon, IL Micropolitan Area	Hamilton Jefferson
Ottawa-Peru, IL Micropolitan Area	Bureau LaSalle Putnam	Ottawa-Streator, IL Micropolitan Area	Bureau LaSalle Putnam
Paducah, KY-IL Micropolitan Area (Illinois part)	Massac	Paducah, KY-IL Micropolitan Area (Illinois part)	Massac
Pontiac, IL Micropolitan Area	Livingston	Pontiac, IL Micropolitan Area	Livingston
Quincy, IL-MO Micropolitan Area	Adams, IL Lewis, MO	Quincy, IL-MO Micropolitan Area	Adams, IL Lewis, MO
Rochelle, IL Micropolitan Area	Ogle	Rochelle, IL Micropolitan Area	Ogle
Sterling, IL Micropolitan Area	Whiteside	Sterling, IL Micropolitan Area	Whiteside
Taylorville, IL Micropolitan Area	Christian	Taylorville, IL Micropolitan Area	Christian